

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Monday, July 6, 1739.

From the Weekly Journals, June 27.

OUR Advices from Abroad, as well as the Rumours and Preparations at Home, do continue to strengthen our Fears of War; but it is still to be hoped, that so many *Pacifick Treaties*, and excellent *Politicall Conduct* for so many Years together, will not entirely fail of Success: Which is all we can say at present on Foreign Affairs.

London, June 27. In July 1726, Mr. Robert Dingley, Jeweller and Goldsmith in Bishopsgate-street, was commissioned to get made for the Czarina a Service of curious Plate, fit to entertain Twenty four Persons; and if it was not complete and delivered, fit to be exported by the 24th of August following; it was to be at his Risk and Hazard. It was shipped off accordingly the very Day; when one Robinson, a Customhouse Officer, seized it, under a Pretence that 4108 Ounces of it were not assayed and marked with the Goldsmith-hall Mark; upon which he commenc'd a Suit against him by the Name of *Thomas Dingley*, tho' at the same time he knew his Name to be otherwise: Whereupon Robinson was nonsuited, and paid Costs. He a fresh commenced a Suit in the King's Name, for selling and causing 4108 Ounces of the Service aforesaid to be exported before it was assayed and marked with the Goldsmith hall Mark; and for not being Standard: And upon Friday the 19th Instant, it came to a Hearing, when it appeared upon Trial, by the Affidavits for the King, who were Witnesses against Mr. Dingley, that great Part of the Service was better by Twopence per Ounce than Standard, and that none was worse; so that the King was cast, and it redounded much to Mr. Dingley's Honour, and to the Confusion of his Enemies.

This was the greatest and most curious Service of Plate that ever was made, the making whereof cost more than the Silver, and did our English Genius great Honour at Home and Abroad.

A certain Whining Canting Pair
Were wedded fother Day;

And when in Bed the Lambs were laid,
Their Pastor came to pray.
But first he bade each Guest depart,
Nor Sacred Rites prophane;
For carnal Eyes such Mysteries
Can never entertain.

Then with a Puritannick Air,
Unto the Lord he pray'd,
That he would please to grant Encrease
To that same Man and Maid:
And that the Husbandman might dress
Full well the Vine his Wife;
And like a Vine she still might twine
About him all her Life.

Sack Posset then he gave them both;
And said, with lifted Eyes,
Blest of the Lord! with one Accord
Begin your Enterprize:
The Bridegroom then drew near his Spouse;
T'apply his wholesome Balm;
And while they strove in mutual Love,
The parson sung a Psalm:

Procal, O! procal este prophani.

Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, June 30.

Since our last arriv'd a Mail from Holland, and two from Flanders.

WE hear an Account is come, that the South Sea Company's Greenland Ships have met with very great Success in the Fishery, but we cannot as yet learn the Particulars. A Ship is arriv'd at Deptford with the Blubber of 3 Whales lately drove by Distress of Weather on the Highlands of Scotland, and left on the Banks, which the Company has bought off the Highlanders. Near 40 Hands are employed in rigging their Ship lately built at Deptford, called the *Don Philip*, and taking her Cargo on board, consisting of Bale Goods, &c. in order to sail with their annual Ship *Prince William*, for Porto Bello and Carthagena. The

Effects

Effects they carry, and the Charge of building and fitting them out, amount to an immense Sum, besides those already gone to the Spanish West Indies on the Company's Account: But 'tis hoped from the free Liberty of Trade, and other Encouragements granted by the Treaty of Seville, that they'll make such Returns as will sufficiently answer the Expence.

Advices by the Flanders Mail relate, That the Spaniards continue their Preparations in all their Ports both in the Ocean and Mediteranean: That the Emperor was still averse to the Introduction of Spanish Troops, and carries on his Preparations for War with Vigour; and confirm that the Grand Duke granted free Passage to 4300 Imperial Foot and 600 Horse thro' the Lunegiana, which are going to take Quarters in the Dutchy of Massa Carrara, not far from Leghorn; and that these Troops are to draw their Subsistence from the Republick of Genoa.

Our Preparations are continued, we having been busy at the Tower since Saturday last, in delivering out Tents and new Arms for the Regiments which are preparing to embark on board the Transports for the Expedition to Italy: And we hear the Men of War are to be joined by two Bomb Vessels, which are made to carry each two Mortars, and will be launched by the latter End of the Week: And we expect every Day to hear of the Transports sailing down the River for Portsmouth and Plymouth.

Sir William Ogborn, Carpenter to his Majesty's Office of Ordnance, was Yesterday chosen one of the elder Brothers of Trinity House; and the same Day the Lord Chief Justice Raymond was chosen Governor of the Charterhouse, in Room of the Lord Trevor deceased.

Sir William Humphrys, one of the eldest Aldermen of this City, lies dangerously ill of a Fever.

Sir Isaac Shard and John Fuller Esq; being summoned this Day before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen, to hold the Office of Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, or pay their respective Fines, gave Bond, contrary to the General Expectation of the Citizens, and the Disappointment of the Chamber of London, to hold the said Office, the Expence whereof is generally attended with 1000 or 1500 L. Sir Isaac is near 80 Years old, and Mr. Fuller above 70; but they are both very rich.

South Sea Stock is 104 3 8ths, but for the Opening, and notwithstanding several are of Opini-

on, that it would not be so high, were it not that People buy the stock to make up the same Quantity they are posselt of, after the 6 per Cent. on the Capital, amounting to one Million Sterling, shall be paid by the Government, pursuant to the Direction of the last Session of Parliament.

The fine Seat built in Berkshire by Mr. Weymoudson the famous Broker, who in the memorable Year 1720, got such an immense Fortune by the Stocks, was last Week destroyed by Fire. The Damage is computed at many thousand Pounds.

P. S. Letters from Vienna of the 24th Instant advise, that the Emperor has assured the Grand Duke of Tuscany, that he will never depart from the Quadruple Alliance; and that the last named Prince had promised his Imperial Majesty to assist him powerfully with Money and Provisions: That a large Train of Artillery was sent for Italy.

From the Evening Posts, June 30.

Petersburg, June 12. Our Fleet, which consists of 40 Men of War and 20. Fregats, lies ready at Cronslot and Cronstadt to sail with the first fair Wind; but what Enterprize they are to undertake, is not yet made publick.

Dusseldorp, July 3. All the military Officers of the Elcctör Palatine have received Orders furthwith to repair to their Posts.

Paris, July 4. By Letters from Rome we can gather nothing of the Election of a Pope; tho' some Imagine the Choice will fall on St. Peter's Day, being last Thursday. Others talk much of a Latin Prophecy of Obard King of Northumberland in England in the IX or X Age; whereby 'tis judged this new Pope will be drawn from his Solitude: *Discordia & sanguine trahens hominem stantem in solitudine.*

London, June 30. The Regiments for relieving the Garrison of Gibraltar are preparing to embark.

We hear that Mr. Attorney and Solicitor General have reported, That a Writ of Error ought not to be granted in favour of Col. Chartris.

The Rt. Hon. the Lord Glenorchy, Son and Heir apparent to the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Broadalbine, was married last Week to Miss Pershall, Grandaughter to Sir Thomas Pershall of Sugnol in the County of Stafford, Bart.

St. Christophers, May 12. Two English Ships and a French Scooner, have been lately taken by a Spanish Guard de Coast, as they were catching Turtle.

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But one of them, commanded by Capt. Chapman, was released after she was sufficiently plundered.

Calais, July 3. Last Week several Persons came in here from the Westward, who were all English, and said they had been chased on Shore by a Row-boat commanded by the Surveyors of Deal, who pursued them into Ambletuse, and carried off the Boat they were in out of the Harbour: Several of these Men were much wounded. There is great Murmuring in Calais, Boulogne, and thereabouts, on occasion of this and another such Affair about 2 Months since.

One Emanuel Russel was Yesterday committed to Newgate by Justice Mitford, on Suspicion of Sodomitical Practices under the Piazza of Covent-garden, but his Confederate made his Escape. It is said he has promised to discover a numerous Gang of wretched Accomplices.

From the Daily Post-Boys, June 29, 30.

Hague, July 3. Notwithstanding the pacific Disposition and Intentions of Cardinal Fleury; yet, considering the Dilatoriness of the Emperor to return an Answer to the *Ultimatum* of the Seville Allies, and on the other hand, the Uncertainty of its being to the Purpose when it comes, the Court of France has ordered away all their Officers by Sea and Land to their Posts; being resolved, that *They* shall not be the Dupes of the Austrian Policy, but to act every Thing in Concert with and to the Satisfaction of Spain: The Friendship between the Courts of France and Spain seeming of late to be more than ordinarily cemented, without giving any Ground of Jealousy to some other Powers, as the Imperialists would make the World believe.

In short, so little Regard does the Emperor show for the Seville Allies, that we have Reason to fear an approaching Rupture. However, the French and Spaniards are preparing to embark, and the latter have 40,000 Men ready. The States are also in great Forewardness with their Preparations, having all their Transports in Readiness, with the Quota of Troops they are to embark thereon for the intended Expedition. On the other hand, the Kings of Poland and Prussia, the Electors of Bavaria, Palatine and Cologne, the Bishop of Bamberg, &c. will furnish the Emperor with 40,000 Men on the Rhine.

Paris, July 4. Yesterday the King reviewed the *Musquetaires*, who being all young Gentlemen of Quality, and finely dress'd, made a very agreeable Sight. A great many Foreigners went out of Paris

to see it, among whom was the Lord Petre, a most fine English Youth, and several other Persons of Distinction of that Country.

Saturday last one Mr. Semple, an Englishman, was let out of Fort L'Evesque, where he had been Prisoner six Weeks. His Crime this: The Count de Charolois, Brother to the Duke of Bourbon, had a Skirmish in the Streets early of a Morning, and perhaps this Gentleman knew nothing of the Matter. There's one Crawley still confined on this account, but his Aggravation is, *That he is Poor*. And this is the Sum of the Matter.

From the London Gazette, June 30.

Moscow, May 25. Yesterday the Czarina set out for Ismaylof. Before her Majesty returns to Moscow, she designs to go 40 Miles on Foot to the Monastery of Troita (or the Trinity) in Pilgrimage, to pay her Devotion there, which most of her Predecessors have done on their Accession to the Throne. Her Majesty is attended in her Pilgrimage by a Battallion of her Guards, and Tents will be pitched at every two or three Miles Distance, her Majesty not intending to travel further a Day.

Yesterday the Czarina invested Count Wratislaw Ambassador of the Emperor of Germany, with the Order of St. Andrew. Her Majesty will have a Camp of 7500 Men at that Place, during her Stay there.

Edinburgh, July 6. This Day comes on at Dalkeith, before Mr. Hugh Somervil, Bailie of the Regality, the Trial of *Thomas Reid*, late Town clerk of that Burgh, for theivngly robbing a Gentleman of his Money and Bank notes.

Nota: In our last, Read, New Moon on Saturday at 5 in the Morning.

Tomorrow (the 4th Day of the Moon) it is High Water at *Leith* at 5 o' Clock, 27 Minutes. Wednesday, at 6, 15 Min. Thursday, at 7, 3 Min.

ADVERTISEMENT S.

Stolen or Strayed from North Berwick, on the 23d inst, being longed to the Rt. Hon. The Lord DRUMMORE;

A SETTING-BITCH of the Spanish Kind, betwixt 2 and 3 Years old, spotted brown and white, with a long small Head; has all her Tail, and answers to the Name of *Rosie*. Whoever brings her to the Author of this Paper, or to his Lordship's Lodgings in Edinburgh, shall be suitably rewarded, and no Questions ask'd. But if the Person who has her, refuses or neglects to restore her; whoever will inform the Author of this Paper, of the Person who stole or now detains the Bitch, so as either of them be convicted, shall have Two Guineas Reward.



To be SETTLE, on Tuesday the 14th Inst. for 15 or more Years, as shall be agreed on;

The ROSEMAINES in Prestonhall, consisting of Six large Inclosures, and upwards of 150 Acres of Ground, lying in the Parish of Cranston, seven Miles South-west of Edinburgh. The Entry to the Room to commence at Martinmas next. Any who have a mind to see the Room, may repair thither, where they'll be waited on by the Proprietor, or in his Absence, by John Stevenson in Little Preston, or by John Clunies at Newbyth, in the Parish of Whitekirk, East Lothian, who has Powers to treat for the same.

Nota. The Tenant or Taxman may have the Opportunity and Advantage to buy the Crop upon the Ground, or after it is in the Barn-Yard, at a Roup, or as he and the Proprietor can agree. The Articles of Roup to be seen with the said John Stevenson.

That the Lands of *Wester-Blackmyze, Easter Dovishill*, the Easter Half of the *Wester-Dovishill*, Mill and Mill Lands of *Herdmanshills*, a Lime-stone Quarrey, with an old House and Dovecoat contiguous, upon arising Ground, having a Rivulet at the Foot; holding Blanch of the Rt. Hon. my Lord Torphichen, lying within the Parish of West-Caldor and Shire of Edinburgh; extending to L. 337 13 00 of Money-Rent, 13 Bolls Meal, 5 Bolls Bear, 38 Kain-bens, 6 Poultry, with some other Casualties: Are to be exposed to Sale by voluntar Roup, on the Twenty-second Day of July Inst. in the Laigh Coffehouse in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon. The Rental of the Lands, Conditions of Roup, and Progress of Writs, to be seen in the Hands of JAMES SYME Writer in Edinburgh, or George Dick Writer in Mid-Caldor. *Nota.* The Lands will be entered at 20 Years Purchase, and are in good sufficient Tenantry, and very capable of great Improvement, containing a large Tract of Ground. That the Lime of the Quarrey belonging thereto is a great Inricher of Ground, which the present Proprietor can shew to ocular Inspection, having had sufficient Proof thereof. It will also be an Encouragement, to any Purchaser, that the present Proprietor will bear mutual Charges in inclosing the Marches to the West, lying contiguous. There are many Free-stone Quarries on the Ground, and the Lime may be had at an easy Purchase.

WHEREAS JOHN DUFF of Culslin, in the Month of April last, and since, by the *Caledonian Mercury* and other publick Prints, did Advertise the Creditors of the late Company wherein he was concern'd with Patrick Mackay, of *Scourie*; and William Mackay Junior, (among other Things) to give in their respective Claims and Demands upon the said Company to James Gordon of Elton, in order to have the same settled, and the Balances adjusted, at the Sign of the several Persons therein mentioned. And whereas sundry Claims of the said Creditors have been accordingly given in, and do otherwise appear in the Offices; And whereas the said JOHN DUFF does still persist in his Refusal of doing Justice and giving Satisfaction to all the Creditors of the above Company, as well as to all and sundry other lawful Creditors: THESE ARE THEREFORE

to desire all and sundry the before-mentioned Creditors to meet at the House of Mrs. Herdman Vintner in the Writer's Court, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon, upon Friday the Seventeenth Day of July Instant; That so they may give their Advice and Direction, for the better Management of the Affairs of the said JOHN DUFF, for their own Security, and speedier Satisfaction of all their Demands. And as to such other Creditors who have not yet appeared, the said JOHN DUFF does further desire, That they will be pleased, at the Time and Place above-mentioned, to give in their respective Claims, together with the Vouchers or Documents instructing the same; to the end that Justice may be done to them as well as the rest.

JOHN DUFF.

By the Trusties for JAMES LIVINSTON of WESTQuarter and his Creditors, there is to be sold, by voluntary Roup, upon the 21st Day of July, betwixt 3 & 4 after Noon, within the House of Robert Biggar Vintner in Edinburgh, several ROOMS of LAND, Part of the Estate of Westquarter, paying about 200 L. Scots of yearly Rent, lying within a Mile and an half of the Town of Falkirk, within the Parish of Polmont and Sherifdom of Stirling, holding Feu of the Duke of Hamilton for Payment of a small Feu-duty; having fine Coal within the same norgong at present) also a good Free-stone Quarrey. Any who have a mind to purchase, may see the Rental and Progress of Writs in the Hands of Alexander Mitchell of that ilk, Writer to the Signet, at his Writing chamber in the Head of Gosford's Close, South-side of the Lawn-market, Edinburgh.

JOHN GRAME of Balgown, finding that some Persons have taken an unwarrantable Liberty of destroying the GAME in his Forest of Alyth, which he resolves entirely to prevent for the future; does therefore expect, that no Body, on any Pretext whatever, will pretend to Hunt or Fowl in the said Forest: Certifying the Contraveners, that they will be proceeded against according to Law.

That Sir GEORGE STUART of GRANTULLY is resolved to preserve the GAME within his Lands and Baronies of Grantully and Strathbraan; and has given express Orders to his Officers to seize all Setting Dogs, Guns and Nets, that shall be used by any Persons hunting within the said Bounds, without a sign'd Licence from himself.

Just now come Home,

Large, fresh and Superfine LIMONS and BITTER ORANGE, true CHINA (or Sweet) ORANGES, to be Sold at ARCHIBALD SHEILS's Warehouse in Leith, the first Loft above the Weigh house; or at his Shop at the Hand and Orange near the Cross, South-side of the Street, Edinburgh; all Better and Cheaper Fruits than can be had any where else in Town. Where you may be serv'd with all Sorts of Baking-Apples, Suggars of all Kinds, Walnuts, Raisins, &c. Orange-Wine, Spaw-Water, and generally all Sorts of Grocery-Ware.

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